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Applicant: Jeffery GULLICKSEN et al.  
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CONNECTION STATE DISTRIBUTION SCHEME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes: Amendments to the Specification; and  
Remarks.